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Smoky Eng. Dec. 13 - /63

Dear Abby, in Temple St. - just
back of the State House (2 doors
down the st) & nearly in full
view of that angel structure, &
opposite the big tank also a
highly respectable & medieval appearing
piece of architecture, Rev. Mr. Hawes
who will take you to see it at any
time & take you if you wish, for
a lodger in the 3^d story. Miss
Stevenson the lady who charms
out of your view our facial affairs
by the voice of an angel & the
presence likewise has the 2^d
floor & it was she who informed
me - The house is a dot - & I
doubt if you will like the room.
So small is it - tho. Miss
Loperdon, wh. takes the whole width,
it is one of the largest bedrooms
in the house - There is an open
fireplace & closet - & a window
looking thro' a chier alley to Bowdoin
st. - There are a bed & bureau - &
a carpet to be put down - The
cost is \$2.00 a week with the
wood carried up for you & the

privilege of making for our bed -
Let me suggest - you might
take Sarah to board, if she
comes & pay yr. expenses. I was
not very much charmed with the
room - but I think in a bright
morning with a pleasant fire &
a little more furnished than when
I saw it - thro' the mist of a
threatning snow-storm - it might
not be so sorry a place after
all - I hope you will find a better.
but Miss Stevenson is certainly an
attraction - & she speaks highly
of the family as very kind but
not desirable people to board with.
She does I. breakfasts herself
over so - & dines with her relatives
who are all round that neighbor-
hood - I see body the day I
rec'd yr letter speaking of Mary
Shannon she happened to come
to the studio - & without mentioning
your name in connection I communi-
cated with ref^{ce} to her willingness
to take as inmate to her family
saying that the suggestion was made
by one party for another & mainly
in the sense of her beneficial in-
fluence - Mary's weak side is her

Reverend side & this might be
called a broadside. The gave a
very decided negative. However & as
I think you possibly misconceive
somewhat in regard to them I
will relate further when I see
you -

This is a stormy Sunday.
I heard Mr. Davis in the morning
& he was as good as ever. He
has brought home a host of photographs
of people we know about Bright
& Cobden Dickens Thackeray
& the like - Took by last we
spent an evening there. Did I tell
you we went to see Mrs. Clute?
I think her range is a limited
one. but she is good in that -
The theatre gave me a headache -
I went for to see her - Dr. G.
certainly will not get to Dr. F.
this month - So don't wait for
him - You will come & no wait
you tell you can satisfy yourself
with regard to a place - & when
are you coming home? How very
long it seems! Will it be only
3 weeks Tuesday - I was thinking
it must be six - Father & Mother
ordered for to Edward today - Mother
very very well - Mother has lately

been a good deal troubled with
neuralgia in her face - but now
seems better - Phoebe has taken
another cold & I have a stricture
across my chest, cough I think
more than ~~usual~~ by lights -
lives in Miss Lewis' room
at work on my figure! Conclude
it! When the heat became
insupportable - it was necessary
to raise the light - I'll be
anxious body - my watch
my Gueridan - When one is on
the subject of infirmities it is
agreeable to make out a clear
table - I shall put on a wet
sweater to night & all will be
right - I am more sorry for our
dear Sarah - She has been very well
& yet I trust this will prove only
a moderate attack - I try to be
according to my desires - my love - &
thump & make with a whole
soul - I am very well - so well
that I mean to try an experiment
of the spirituality - till Dr. J.
gets his room swept - wh. ~~is~~ is
sure or I think Love to your
good mother & father who took me
in about 5-4 - years ago at this
time - Good night -

My dear Henry
again for night love

Miss Lewis

My dear Henry

The enclosed. Miss Lewis Henry
again for night love